



August 27, 2021

RE: 2021 AHFSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE POSTPONED

To the AHFSA Board, Members, Conference Planning Committee and Sponsors, Keynote Speakers, and our CMS colleagues:

It was with great pleasure and hope in the spring of 2021 that our conference planning committee, along with the AHFSA Executive Board and Executive Director, felt confident that we would be able to host our AHFSA Annual Conference as an “in-person” event in Chicago, IL on September 27-29, 2021. With the onset of the COVID-19 Delta variant and the rate of increased COVID-19 cases across the nation, it has become more and more apparent that this is not going to be possible. Therefore, in cooperation with First Point Management and the Radisson Blu Hotel in Chicago, I regret to announce that the Association of Health Facility Survey Agencies (AHFSA) will be postponing our 2021 AHFSA Annual Conference until September 25-28, 2022. The conference will remain at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Chicago, IL.

This decision was a very hard decision that took careful deliberation over the last two months due to the rapidly evolving and changing COVID-19 pandemic. While we are disappointed that we must postpone our 2021 Annual Conference and won't be able to meet in person, we feel this is the best decision, the safest decision, and the right decision to make at this time.

I would like to thank all of you that were planning to participate in our event in Chicago, Illinois this year. We are deeply grateful for your sponsorships, subject matter expertise, membership and ongoing partnership and we invite all of you to join us in Chicago, IL, next September 25-28, 2022!

Additionally, on behalf of the AHFSA Association, I would like to express our thanks to the Conference Planning Committee and to our AHFSA Executive Director, Ms. Tara Foy of First Point Management Resources, for their patience, diligence, adaptability, and on-going communication with the planning committee, the AHFSA Board and Officers, our members, sponsors, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and with the Radisson Hotel chain during such unpredictable and challenging times.

Finally, we would like to thank our State Survey Agency directors, managers, surveyors, and support staff, many of whom may also be physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, LPN's and other professional healthcare staff for the hard work and perseverance that you have shown throughout this Public Health Emergency (PHE). We are proud of our State Survey Agencies and value your public service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MaryJo Roué". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and "R".

MaryJo Roué
AHFSA President